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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF
DENNI-DISCHERT ET AL.
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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF VALSARTAN

MS: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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The asterisked references were cited in the International Search Report and since copies of said references were forwarded by the International Bureau, only copies of the non-asterisked references are enclosed.

The Examiner requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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